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SUBJECT: US/MEXICO FISHERIES AGREEMENT

REF: A) STATE 234177, B) STATE 234776

1. EMBOFF RAISED QUESTIONS MENTIONED IN REF A WITH
UNDERSECRETARY CASTENDA, WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:
A. CASTANEDA WILL DISCUSS MATTER OF LICENSE RENEWALS
AT SEA WITH MEDINA NERI TODAY, WITH VIEW TO SEEING
THAT WORD TO RENEW GETS TO MEXICAN FISHERIES OFFICES
IN SAN DIEGO AND SAN PEDRO. CASTANEDA NOTED THAT IT IS
ERRONEOUS FOR GOM OR U.S. PERSONNEL TO ASSUME THAT
MEXCONSULATES CAN RENEW LICENSES, AS THIS CAN ONLY BE
DONE BY FISHERIES OFFICES. MORE ON THIS WHEN WE HEAR
FROM CASTANEDA AFTER HIS TALK WITH MEDINA NERI.
B. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE ADDITION OF NAMES TO LIST

OF 141 VESSELS PERMITTED TO FISH IN MEXICAN WATERS,
CASTANEDA "DEFINITELY" AGAINST THIS. HE NOTED THAT
"THE IDEA IS FOR THE NUMBER OF VESSELS TO DIMINISH
AS TIME PASSES."

C. WITH REGARD TO EXPLORATORY FISHING NOTE, EMBOFF
STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF HAVING MEXICAN REPLY NOTE READY
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BY TIME OF SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT; AT SAME TIME GAVE

CASTANEDA INFORMAL COPY OF KISSINGER NOTE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES, WHICH HE HAD NOT HAD TIME TO RECEIVE FROM SECRETARY'S OFFICE. CASTANEDA SAID HE HAS THE CONTENT OF THE GOM RESPONSE IN MIND, WILL DISCUSS IT WITH DIRECTOR IN CHIEF OF SPECIAL INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS GONZALEZ DE LEON TODAY, AND WILL HAVE RESPONSE DRAFTED SOON.

D. EMBOFF DELIVERED SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REPLY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY GARCIA ROBLES ON SEPTEMBER 23 AT 4 P.M.

E. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF CASTANEDA REPLIES IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.
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